substantial improvements in market access with elimination of export subsidies and reduction in trade distorting support. India and many developing country Members, however, favour minimal tariff reductions by developing countries. In the negotiations held so far, there has been no convergence of views among Members of the WTO on many key issues.

Dutch funds for urban development projects in Andhra Pradesh

*116. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dutch Government has decided not to fund any new projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether this decision to discontinue the funds would affect the Urban Development projects in the State; and

(c) whether Government propose to pursue the matter with the Dutch Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir. It has been decided by the Union finance Ministry to discontinue taking fresh aid from the Dutch Government.

(b) No, Sir. The existing programmes which are on-going will continue and reach their completion.

(c) Does not arise.

Charges fixed by CGHS

*117. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the charges fixed for surgery and other treatments by CGHS for its approved hospitals vary in different cities;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted for fixing the charges;

(c) whether Government are aware that some hospitals charge more than the approved charges from the CGHS beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved ceiling rates for various medical procedures/tests/investigations to enable CGHS beneficiaries avail treatment in private recognized hospitals. The ceiling rates approved for a particular medical procedure/test/investigation vary from one CGHS city to another.

The ceiling rates have been fixed by the Government after taking into account the rates for various medical procedures/tests/investigations fixed by the Government in 1996-97 as base and thereafter suitably enhancing the rate so as to reflect the rise in the cost of medical treatment in the subsequent years.

Each of the private hospitals/diagnostic centers recognized under CGHS have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Director, CGHS. The MOA binds these hospitals/daignostic centers not to charge more than the approved ceiling rates from the CGHS beneficiaries. Monitoring to ensure compliance is done by the CGHS.

Amendment in the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995

*118. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 for regulating the broadcasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are on the anvil for making the Conditional Access System (CAS) more consumer friendly;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken to implement CAS; and

(f) the proposed date and regimes for implementation of CAS?